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David Sprowle

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David Sprowle (born 1811) was an orderly sergeant serving in the United States Marine Corps during the American Civil War who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Battle of Mobile Bay.

David Sprowle	
Born	1811 Lisbon, New York
Place of cenotaph	Red Mills Cemetery Lisbon, New York
Allegiance	United States of America Union
Service/branch	United States Army United States Marine Corps
Years of service	1840 - 1845 (Army) 1845 - 1866 (Marine Corps)
Rank	Orderly sergeant
Unit	USS *Richmond* (1860)
Battles/wars	American Civil War
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Biography [edit source]

Sprowle was born in 1811 in Lisbon, New York. He initially enlisted in the Army in May 1840 as David Sprowls,[1] and after leaving enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 13, 1845. He was an orderly sergeant assigned to the Marine Detachment aboard the USS *Richmond* (1860) when it was sent to fight in the American Civil War during the Battle of Mobile Bay.[2][3]

He was medically discharged from the Marine Corps on December 1, 1866.[4] Although his date of death, cause and burial location are unknown there is a cenotaph and headstone for him located in Red Mills Cemetery Lisbon, New York.[5]

Medal of Honor citation [edit source]

Rank and organization: Orderly Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps. Born: 1811, Lisbon, N.Y. Accredited to: New York. G.O. No.: 45, 31 December 1864.

Citation:

> On board the U.S.S. Richmond during action against rebel forts and gunboats, and with the ram Tennessee in Mobile Bay, 5 August 1864. Despite damage to his ship and the loss of several men on board as enemy fire raked her decks, Orderly Sgt. Sprowle inspired the men of the marine guard and directed a division of great guns throughout the furious battle which resulted in the surrender of the rebel ram Tennessee and in the damaging and destruction of batteries at Fort Morgan.[2]

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